

B3 --An orthotic cuff with a basically different structure is shown in FIGS. 5 and 6, where the functional component is a ring 7 that is made of elastic material and is open on one side. The elasticity of said material forces the cuff into its shape surrounding the lower leg. Said ring 7 either consists of highly elastic plastic, e.g. polycarbonate, or a highly elastic metal such as, for example stainless steel. The cuff so designed is placed around the lower leg like a clasp and then kept in position by the elastic rebound forces of the ring 7. The present embodiment of the cuff does not require any closing elements.--

A marked-up version is shown as Exhibit A.

#### IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

Ref 3. (Amended) The orthosis cuff according to claim 1, characterized in that the cuff (1) is produced from stiff leather or plastic and comprises a stiff functional component (2) surrounding the lower leg on all sides, as well as closing elements (6) overlapping each other and being located on the ends of the functional component (2).

Please amend claim 6 as follows:

Q5 6. (Amended) The orthosis cuff according to claim 1, characterized in that the cuff (1) is a ring (7) open on one side